

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – NOVEMBER 14, 2011

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Major called the Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Offices. Present were: Roll Call – Chairman Major – Y, Selectman Ted Teichert – Y, Selectman Alex Vispoli – Y, Selectman Paul Salafia – Y and Selectman Mary Lyman – Y. Also present: Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Town Clerk Larry Murphy. The meeting was duly posted and cable-cast live.

II. Executive Session

Chairman Major called the Executive Session to order at 6:02 P.M. in the Board of Selectman's Conference Room in the Town Offices. On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Salafia, it was voted 3-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy and to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Chairman Major – Y, Selectman Mary Lyman – Y and Selectman Paul Salafia – Y. Chairman Major declared the Board entered into Executive Session on a 3-0 vote. Selectman Vispoli arrived after the meeting opened. At 6:58 P.M. on a motion by Selectman Salafia and a second by Selectman Lyman, it was voted 4-0 to adjourn from Executive Session and move to Regular Session and not to return. Roll call: Chairman Major – Y, Selectman Lyman – Y, Selectman Vispoli – Y and Selectman Salafia – Y. The Chairman declared a vote of 4-0 to move from Executive Session to Regular Session.

III. Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Major asked for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jonathan Cohen, Sr. Patrol Leader-Troop 73, South Church

IV. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports

The Town Manager made the following announcements:

~ Congratulations to Veterans Director Michael Burke and to the Patriotic Holiday Committee for the outstanding Veterans' Day Celebration. It was a great day – all ceremonies went well particularly the recognition ceremony for our Town Veterans who fought in the Asiatic and Pacific Theatre during World War II. The book documenting their experiences is available on-line on the Town's website and at the Veteran's Office.

~Clean-up from the October 30th storm has been very successful and the two locations for debris drop-off are now closed. FEMA toured the Town to assess the damage, we can apply for funds and hopefully recoup some of the costs of the clean-up.

~The State is conducting a Public Hearing on November 30th in the Board of Selectmen's Conference Room from 6:30-8:00 P.M. to discuss a plan for rebuilding of two railroad bridges over the Shawsheen River that support the railroad tracks.

Selectman Lyman also recognized Michael Burke and the Patriotic Holiday Committee for the outstanding job they did with the Veterans' Day Celebration. Many residents commented that the celebration was appropriate and well-thought out.

Selectman Lyman announced that the Franciscan Center Overly District Committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 17th.

Selectman Salafia said the Andover Historical Society is hosting a Christmas Gable House Tour on Saturday at 3:00 P.M. with nine homes on tour.

Selectman Vispoli said application criteria for membership on the Economic Development Committee is available on the Town's website at www.andoverma.gov.

Selectman Teichert reported that the School Building Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 A.M. in the Board of Selectmen's Conference Room. He also announced that the 8th grade Andover Jr. Football League is playing in the Championship Game on Saturday November 19th.

Chairman Major thanked Raytheon for sponsoring the Veterans Day Luncheon and recognized the many local businesses for their contributions.

V. Citizens Petitions and Presentations

Bob Willard, 76 Tewksbury Street, said the AHS Drama Club is presenting the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Collins Center from Thursday through Sunday this weekend.

Mary Carbone of 3 Cyr Circle feels there was an abuse of power and denial of her citizen rights at a previous meeting when she was not recognized and feels she deserves more respect and does not like the way residents are treated.

Bob Pokress, Cherrywood Circle, requested that before any group in town at an official level recommends spending more money that will increase our tax liability and they need to tell us what items will be cut back to make room for the new expense. Residents should be informed what the priorities are, how new expenses fit in and what will be cut back for each new project.

VI. Public Hearing – Continued from 11/7/11

Chairman Major opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M.

A. Columbia Gas of Massachusetts

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Vispoli it was voted 5-0 to approve the request of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for permission to excavate for the purpose of replacing and/or extending its gas mains and to make the necessary house connections along said extensions, as follows:

- To replace the existing cast iron pipe with 1,530 feet of new 6" HDPE pipe on William Street and 60 feet of 6" HDPE on Sherbourne Street. The location of the work is shown on Plan #05262011-D dated 9/20/11. This is being done due to a municipal encroachment.

The request has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works subject to the condition that a street opening permit must be obtained from the DPW prior to the commencement of any construction.

Ben Luciano of Columbia Gas said the gas company does not pave the entire street after excavation, only the trench area and seams and will return in six months to repave if settling occurs.

VII. Regular Business of the Board

A. Congressional Districts Plan

Town Clerk Larry Murphy explained the Congressional Districts Plan that splits Andover into two precincts based on the 2010 Federal Census. There are nine Congressional districts, Andover's third and sixth districts are split between Congresswoman Tsongas and Congressman Tierney and the plan further splits precinct nine into two districts. Mr. Murphy has submitted a letter in response to splitting the district to the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting, the Senate and House Chairs of

the Committee with a copy to Andover's legislative delegation refuting the decision to split the Town into districts resulting in a split precinct.

B. Special Town Meeting – December 5, 2011

The Board took the following positions on the Special Town Meeting warrant articles:

1. Warrant Article 1: Form for Submitting Warrant Articles and Petitions

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Vispoli, the Board voted 5-0 to recommend approval of Warrant Article 1 as presented.

2. Warrant Article 2: Bancroft Elementary School Project – Acquisition of four temporary easements for the construction of West Knoll Road.

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Salafia, the Board voted 5-0 to recommend approval of Warrant Article 2 as presented.

3. Warrant Article 3: Andover Youth Center Appropriation

On a motion by Selectman Salafia with a second by Selectman Vispoli, the Board voted 4-1 to recommend approval of Warrant Article 3 as presented. Selectman Lyman opposed based solely on the funding option and would prefer using debt exclusion as an option.

4. Warrant Article 4: Transfer of Land

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Teichert, the Board voted 5-0 to recommend approval of Warrant Article 4 as presented.

5. Warrant Article 5: Blanchard Street Soccer and Baseball Fields

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Teichert, the Board voted 5-0 to recommend approval of Warrant Article 5 as presented.

6. Warrant Article 6: Supplemental Budget Appropriation

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Vispoli, the Board voted 5-0 to recommend approval of a supplemental budget appropriation of \$500,000 for the reserve fund for Warrant Article 6 as presented.

7. Warrant Article 7: Stabilization Fund

On a motion by Selectman Vispoli with a second by Selectman Salafia the Board voted 5-0 to recommend withdrawing Warrant Article 7.

8. Warrant Article 8: Funding OPEB Trust Fund

On a motion by Selectman Vispoli with a second by Selectman Lyman the Board voted 5-0 to recommend withdrawing Warrant Article 8.

The Board assigned speakers for the Special Town Meeting warrant articles as follows:

Article 1 and Article 7 – Selectman Lyman; Article 2 and Article 8 – Selectman Vispoli; Article 3 and 6 – Chairman Major; Article 4 – Selectman Salafia and Article 5 Selectman Teichert. Prepared remarks will be available for all members to view prior to the meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Holiday Happenings

Selectman Teichert motioned to approve the request of Kathleen Bates, on behalf of the Andover Business Center Association, for permission to conduct their annual Holiday

Happenings in the downtown business district on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. She is requesting to close Main Street from Elm Square to Punchard Avenue during this time. The application has been reviewed and approved with conditions by the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli and voted 5-0 to approve.

B. Appointments and Re-appointments

On a motion by Selectman Salafia with a second by Selectman Lyman, it was voted 5-0 to approve the following appointments recommended by the Town Manager and as printed in the agenda:

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	RATE	EFF. DATE
<u>YOUTH SERVICES</u>			
David V. Stein	Counselor 2 – PT	C3A/\$8.75/hr.	10/24/11
Carter M. Ishihara	Counselor 2 – PT	C3A/\$8.75/hr.	10/11/11
Jake J. Catanzaro	Counselor 2 – PT	C3A/\$8.75/hr.	10/24/11+

IX. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

On a motion by Selectman Vispoli with a second by Selectman Lyman, it was voted 5-0 to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2011 with revisions.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Selectman Vispoli with a second by Selectman Teichert, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2011 at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Dee DeLorenzo
Recorder

Documents: Special Town Meeting Warrant
Memo from Town Clerk Larry Murphy regarding proposed Congressional Districts
Lease Agreement / Proposed Cormier Youth Center
Minutes of October 24, 2011